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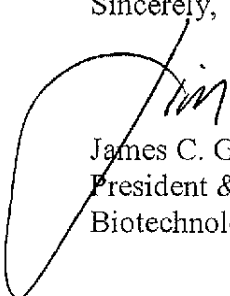
The Honorable Dennis J. Hastert, Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
235 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC. 20515

Dear Speaker Hastert,

I'm writing with the Biotechnology Industry Organization's (BIO) support for H.R. 5254, the "Refinery Permit Process Schedule Act". BIO particularly supports the language in the bill that would expedite the production of biofuels, including ethanol and bio-diesel, which would help play a larger role in America's push for energy independence. BIO believes that energy self-sufficiency must start with renewable fuels made from renewable feedstocks from America's farms and forests.

The Biotechnology Industry Organization represents more than 1,100 biotechnology companies, academic institutions, state biotechnology centers and related organizations in all 50 states. BIO members are involved in the research and development of health-care, agriculture, industrial and environmental biotechnology products.

Sincerely,



James C. Greenwood  
President & CEO  
Biotechnology Industry Organization



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The Honorable Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

While no new oil refinery has been built in this country in 30 years, the U.S. ethanol industry has constructed 97 bio refineries that are playing a key role in helping to extend gas supplies and moderate gas prices.

As a result, we understand the importance of expanding motor fuel refining capacity, and are supportive of H.R. 5254 as a means of streamlining permitting processes and encouraging expansion in domestic refining capacity for all fuels, including both petroleum and biofuels.

Gasoline prices in this country have been skyrocketing heading into this driving season due to high world prices for crude oil and strained refining capacity and a shortage of supply in this country. While there is little Congress can do in terms of regulating world oil prices, it can make it easier for domestic refiners to expand capacity as well as supplies.

We encourage the adoption of H.R. 5254, the Refinery Permit Process Scheduling Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Dinneen" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bob Dinneen  
President & CEO



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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Hastert:

The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) thanks you for your commitment to bring legislation before the House of Representatives that would increase domestic refining capacity and other domestic energy resources. Our nation's economic and energy security will be seriously impacted should we not take action to expand all sources of domestic energy to feed our country's growing demand. The introduction of the Refinery Permit Process Scheduling Act, legislation addressing the current needless barriers to new domestic refinery plant development, is a solid step toward enacting policies to further develop all energy resources for a more diverse portfolio, and adequate domestic gasoline supplies.

The Refinery Permit Process Scheduling Act directs the President to identify at least three closed military bases as suitable sites for new refineries, at least one such site must be designated for biofuel refining. The increased use of biofuels, such as ethanol, in our nation's fuel supply is not the singular answer for America's dangerous dependence on foreign oil, but ethanol is already playing an important role in our nation's overall energy policy and will continue to do so in the future. Approximately 40% of the nation's gasoline is now blended with ethanol, stimulating all sectors of the U.S. economy, bringing desperately needed jobs to rural America, and contributing to a "greener" way of living.

NCGA urges Congress to act expeditiously to promote the development of domestic refining capacity, including a biorefinery, to help secure future economic growth for our nation. Congress must consider a wide complement of energy policies that provides an enhanced role for renewable energy sources, further development of all energy resources for a more diverse portfolio, and adequate domestic refining and biorefining capacity.

Sincerely,

Gerald Tumbleson  
President